time of alleged incident with apprehension that some illegal miners might have been trapped. However, no illegal miner was found by the rescue team. Subsequently, dozer was engaged for dosing and filling off pits in the said forest land as per the advice of District Magistrate, Burdwan and all the pits were dozed and filled up.

Night viewing of Taj Mahal

622. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that night viewing of Taj Mahal in moonlight has been made expensive @ Rs. 720/- person above fifteen years of age and Rs. 700/- for children between 3—15 years for Indian citizens;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the enhanced entry fee is not considered beyond the reach of a common man with average income; and

(d) what action Government propose to take to make night viewing of Taj Mahal within the reach of a common man?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The rate of entry fee for night viewing of Taj Mahal is as follows:—

Indian	—	Rs. 510/- per head
Others	—	Rs. 750/- per head
Children	—	Rs. 500/- per head
(from 03	—	15 years)

(c) and (d) The enhanced entry fee has been prescribed to limit the number of visitors as the Supreme Court has permitted only 400 visitors per night for 5 nights in a month — on the full moon night, two days prior to and two days after the full moon.

National Culture Fund

623. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Culture Fund set up in 1990 is in existence on papers only;

(b) if so, the work, the NCF has done since 1990 till date;

(c) whether Government propose to revamp the NCF;